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In re Application of:

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Marc D. Porter et al.

Examiner: David A Reifsnyder

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MAGNETORESISTIVE
MONITORING OF ANALYTES IN
FLOW STREAMS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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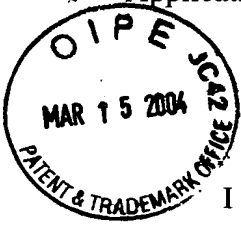
In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed December 10, 2003, the Applicants traverse the Examiner's statement to the extent it differs from a mere restatement of the claim language. Applicants further traverse the Examiner's statement and reasoning insofar as they would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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